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SUBJ: RHODESIA PROTESTS ZAMBIAN BORDER INCIDENTS

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1. ACCORDING TO SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS, RHODESIA " LODGED PROTEST"
OCT 6 WITH ZAMBIAN GOVT OVER FIVE BORDER INCIDENTS DURING PAST
TWO WEEKS. INCIDENTS SPECIFIED WERE FOLLOWING:

A. SEPT 24: SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM ZAMBIAN SHORE ON SOUTH AFRICAN
POLICE (SAP) PATROL BOAT ON ZAMBEZI NEAR KAZANGULA (REFA).

B. SEPT 30: GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTING TO RETURN TO ZAMBIA
DISCOVERED BY RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES.

C. OCT 1: TWO SAP CONSTABLES KILLED IN HAND GRENADE ATTACK
BY GUERRILLAS WHO FLED OVER ZAMBIAN BORDER NEAR CHIRUNDU.

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D. OCT 4: GUERRILLAS ATTACKED RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES IN UPPER LAKE KARIBA AREA AND ESCAPED OVER BORDER.

E. OCT 5: ZAMBIAN SOLDIERS FIRED ON SAP PATROL BOAT ON ZAMBEZI NEAR KAZANGULA.

2. PROTEST CLAIMS ZAMBIA HAS ALLOWED GUERRILLAS TO USE COUNTRY AS BASE FOR ATTACKS IN RHODESIA. SA PRESS REPORTS ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS HAVE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON INCIDENTS.

3. CAPE AFRIKAANS PAPER DIE BURGER REPORTS OCT 7 THAT SAP CONSTABLE WAS KILLED IN GUERRILLA ATTACK ON UNIDENTIFIED SAP CAMP NIGHT OF OCT 4 . THIS IS THIRD SAP DEATH IN FOUR DAYS (REF B).

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CONCERN OVER SITUATION IN RHODESIA HAS INCREASED FOLLOWING RECENT INCIDENTS AND DEATHS, SAG UNLIKELY TO RESPOND MILITARILY. SOME WITHIN SA MAY CALL FOR INCREASED MILITARY SUPPORT OF RHODESIAN NEIGHBOR, BUT GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED PRIVATELY IN THE PAST THAT CURRENT LEVEL OF SUPPORT NOT LIKELY TO BE INCREASED.
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